

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

BRITISH CABINET DIVIDED.

FINANCE MINISTER AND EX-MINISTER OUTSPOKEN.

A CHALLENGE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

PARTY DISRUPTION FORESHADOWED.

CORN TAX REMISSION.

MR. HICKS-BEACH RESIGNED.

LONDON, June 10.

In the House of Commons last night Mr. Hicks-Beach (Conservative) moved his amendment to the Budget proposals, of which he had given notice, that the remission of the corn tax be made a condition of the Government's agreement to reduce the duty on tea.

Mr. Hicks-Beach (Conservative), the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that he regretted the repeal of the corn tax, which was a fiscal and not a protectionist measure.

He continued Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Chief and the House had received his proposal for reducing the corn tax, which would have the effect of increasing the duty on tea.

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CHINA.

THE RUSH FOR CONCESSIONS.

BRITISH OUTLAWED.

LONDON, June 10.

Dr. G. Morrison, the Peking correspondent of the "Times," says that Russia, Germany, France, and Belgium are actively engaged in obtaining railway concessions in North China, while Great Britain's position is materially worse than ever.

Even the Peking syndicate, Dr. Morrison says, has been denied an outlet to the Yangtze for its Shanghai concession.

The Peking Anglo-Italian syndicate has a provisional concession for the construction of a line from Nanchang to Tai-yuan, in Shanxi, but apparently the concession has not been confirmed.

Sub-Inspector Day, of the Shanghai police, has been promoted to New York.

Mr. George White, an old resident of the Caucasus, died suddenly at Lyndhurst on Tuesday night.

Mr. J. W. Ashworth, manager of the Barfield mine, was publicly rebuked at Cranbury, prior to his departure on a trip to the old world.

Dr. Mackintosh, of Victoria, was yesterday promoted by the Mayor with a gold sovereign and a cheque for £100, on leaving for North Sydney.

Mr. E. O. Wynn, who for nine years has been an accountant in the Commercial Bank, Melbourne, was yesterday promoted to the position of manager of the bank in North Sydney.

The offices of the Board of Revenue and the offices of the Board of Rites at Peking have been destroyed by fire. The former office contained silver to the amount of 4,000,000 taels (200,000,000).

The French President's visit.

LONDON, June 9.

M. Delcasse, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, will accompany President Loubet on his visit to London in July.

Disaster off Marseilles.

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The Humbert frauds.

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Mr. Frederic Humbert, Mr. Thorne Humbert, Mr. Romain d'Aurillac, and Mr. Emile d'Aurillac, who are charged with 20 felonies and several serious swindles, have been committed for trial at Paris.

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Dr. Saeb, a young Austrian bacteriologist, died at Berlin from plague, contracted by inoculating himself with plague bacilli at Dr. Koch's laboratory. Dr. Saeb's attendant has now been attacked with plague.

General cable news.

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Protection an illusory benefit.

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Lord Rosebery, in the course of a speech at Bishop Stortford last night, said that a return to protection would prove an illusory benefit.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

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The Governor-General and Lady Tennant, accompanied by Sir Richard Nevill, A.D.C., are expected to arrive at Adelaide by the Melbourne express on Tuesday, June 10, and will attend a ball given by the Mayor of Adelaide at Mrs. Cohen's at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night.

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Queensland.

A RAILWAY MISHAP.

Brisbane, Wednesday.

An exciting accident occurred at Bundamba railway station, near Brisbane, to-day. It appears that a passenger train, consisting of three engines and a tender, was engaged in its usual work on the branch line, when a sudden and unexpected collision occurred with a goods train, which was passing in the opposite direction. The collision was so violent that the passenger train was thrown off the rails, and the goods train was also derailed. The result was a serious accident, with several persons injured and a large amount of property damaged.

TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, June 10.

At the weekly sales of Australian tallow to-day 1147 casks were offered and 600 casks were sold. Prices were as follows:—Fine tallow, 35 0d per cwt.; medium tallow, 33 3d; low tallow, 31 0d; medium beef, 28 3d.

SILVER.

LONDON, June 10.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 20 1/2 pence ounce standard.

DEATHS ON A BARQUE.

DUE TO INFECTED WATER.

Further particulars with regard to the deaths on the barque Eliza show that the illness from which the captain and three men died, and the mate and second mate recovered, was due to the drinking of infected water. The mate, however, died on May 12, and the second mate died on May 13. The captain and three men died on May 14. The mate and second mate recovered on May 15.

From the Islands.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

MURDER OF AN ABOORIGINAL.

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STATE POLITICS.

MR. ASHTON AND MR. WADDELL.

TRUST MONIES DISPUTE.

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These jackets were bought for as much
as
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HALF USUAL PRICES.
Smart Down and Grey Three-quarter
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